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YC PFOR SL OVIP (STEVENS, SIAKA P.)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT STEVENS TRAVEL TO US

REF: FREETOWN 0741

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE MARKED "SECRET":

2. QUOTE: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFIARS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE PRSENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITEDSTATES OF AMERICA AND FURTHER TO DISCUSSIONS HELD BETWEEN HONOURABLE FRANCIS MINAH, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HIS EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR SAMUELS HAS THE HONOUR TO CONFIRM THAT HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT SIAKA STEVENS WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON ON OR ABOUT THE 1ST OF APRIL, 1976. THE MINISTRY CONFIRMS THAT ALTHOUGH HIS BUSINESS WILL ESSENTIALLY BE WITH THE WORLD BANK PERSONNEL, HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT WILL APPRECIATE IT IF A MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED FOR HIM TO CALL UPON PRESIDENT FORD ON ANY DAY BETWEEN THE 2ND AND 5TH OFAPRIL.

THE MINISTRY HAS NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND THE ATTENDANT MOVEMENTS, PRESIDENT FORD MAY NOT BE IN WASHINGTON DURING THAT PERIOD. ANY EFFORT THEREFORE DEPLOYED TO FACILITATE THE PRESIDENT'S MISSION TO WASHINGTON WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED WITH FAVOUR.

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